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Alzheimer's Disease Plan Working Group		
8.15.2018		
Call In Info: 1-877-400-9499	Conference Code: 140 429 7129	Leader Pin:
Meeting called by	EO 18-14	
Type of meeting	2/8	
Facilitator	Ann Elifrits	
Note taker	Jamie Medaris, KDHE Assistant Administrator	
Attendees	<p><b>In attendance</b> – Dr. Jeff Burns, Janie Carney, Bill Carr, Ann Elifrits, Brad Fischer, Dr. Robert Francis, Jamie Gideon, Leslie Hale, Rick Hoffmeister, Rep. Eileen Horn, Ryan Lester, Rev. William Mason, Justin McFarland, Mitzi McFatrach, Cindy Miller, Heather Porter, Amy Siple, Kathy Vance, Belinda Vierthaler, Don Woodard</p> <p><b>By telephone</b> – Rep. Abraham Rafie, Debbie Biehl</p> <p><b>Absent</b> – none</p> <p><b>Guests</b> - Barb Conant, Rachel Imthurn</p>	
Topics:		
Presenters:		
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Introduction</b></li><li><b>Regretfully, Crystal Packard withdrew her participation in the working group.</b></li><li><b>Please add your contact information to the sign in sheet if you were unable to attend the first meeting.</b></li><li><b>Discussion about guests attendance/participation</b> – Mitzi MacFatrach and Bill Carr asked for clarification on rules for inviting guests to the meeting. Guests of workgroup members are welcome as Alzheimer's Disease Plan Working Group meetings are open meetings. The workgroup member who invited the guest(s) are asked to present any recommendations of their guest(s).</li><li><b>Review of State of Minnesota State Plan</b><p>It was decided at last week's meeting to use the Minnesota State Plan as a template to create our Plan. Jamie Gideon proposed and developed an outline based in part on Minnesota's plan and other state plans.</p><p>Jamie Gideon led the group through the outline. Subtopics from the Executive Order were incorporated into the framework of our plan. Members of the workgroup assigned to each subtopic were added to</p></li></ul>	

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the outline. Working group members agreed to add public awareness and caregiver categories to the outline. The group agreed recommendations will follow each of the outline categories except the Executive Summary/Statement of Problem section. Working group members agreed we may need a category to include Research Needs and Policy Recommendations. Jamie will distribute the outline via email this week.

## Discussion points:

Problem statement: What is Alzheimer's? Discussed use of the term and the more global term, dementia. Plan is to include state demographics.

Under the report heading of "Financing Long Term Care (LTC)" Cindy Miller talked about 'cost' of services and the group discussed how we will look at all funding streams, private, public MCD/MCR, grant funding, etc. More discussion will be needed on this topic.

Amy Siple, Dr. Jeff Burns and Heather Porter discussed "Community Cares" a project Via Christi in Wichita has undertaken to address re-admissions of COPD and CHF patients. Nurse practitioners visit individuals in the home. Implementation of this model or a similar model may assist us in developing a potential recommendation for KS.

Education and training needs to be expanded to include a variety of professionals and community members: geriatric education, physicians, social workers, first responders, pharmacists, legal staff, community health workers. More discussion is needed on this topic.

Under the Public Health category, Risk-reduction/prevention was discussed. Dr. Jeff Burns and Rep. Abe Rafie talked about the connection between hypertension and dementia; also blood pressure. Dr. Burns discussed how research has supported this connection, but much more research is needed.

Ryan Lester gave the committee a handout on statistics about dementia. He offered to have the Director of Science and Surveillance from his office come and talk to the committee. Ann suggested due to time constraints it may be suitable for just the sub-committee to have this information.

Bill shared a brochure currently in use in Ford County entitled, "A Caregiver's Guide to Wandering". This document helps caregivers of those with Alzheimer's disease to develop an action plan to ensure the safety of the individual with Alzheimer's as the disease progresses and to encourage caregivers to seek out the support of support groups and self care.

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	<p>Cindy Miller wants a sub-group to make recommendations for who can help, what resources are available to help. Who are the key players?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Subgroups met to discuss drafting recommendations for their specific subtopics</b></li> </ul>
<b>Conclusions</b>	<b>See Action Items</b>

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